

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A powdered molding powder for continuous casting of steel ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the powdered molding powder contains not more than 0.5 percent by mass (weight) (including zero) of carbon black, from 0.5 to 20 percent by mass (weight) of carbon powders other than carbon black and from 0.1 to 7.0 percent by mass (weight) of carbohydrate powder as a carbonaceous raw material.
2. **(Original)** The powdered molding powder for continuous casting of steel according to claim 1, wherein said powder contains from 0.1 to 8.0 percent of mass of acid-treated graphite as a part or all of the carbon powders other than carbon black.
3. **(Currently Amended)** The powdered molding powder for continuous casting of steel according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said powder contains from 0.3 to 7.0 percent by mass of pigment.
4. **(New)** The powdered molding powder for continuous casting of steel according to claim 2, wherein said powder contains from 0.3 to 7.0 percent by mass of pigment.